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For: OXIDATION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED MAGNET
MAGNET POWDER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
COMPOUND FOR RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET,
RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Document AF through AH were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated October 16, 2007. A copy of the Office Action is also attached.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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